

# DID YOU KNOW COMPLETING THE FAFSA CAN HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE?



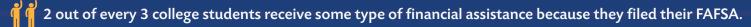
## What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It's the pathway for federal aid and other resources earmarked for students. Every year students miss out on the opportunity for significant aid money.

# Why is it important?

90% of students who complete a FAFSA go on to pursue post-secondary education.

Colleges use the FAFSA to determine a student's financial aid eligibility such as grants, scholarships, work-study and student loans.





The FAFSA is available Oct 1st

# FIRST THINGS FIRST CREATE YOUR FSA ID

## What is the FSA ID?

The Federal Student Aid Identification is the first step to completing your FAFSA. It is a username and password that you create to access the FAFSA and electronically sign the form.

### **IT'S QUICK AND EASY TO CREATE!**



Visit <u>fsaid.ed.gov</u>



You will need to enter your personal email address, cell number, birth date, and social security number to create your FSA ID



Make sure to write down or take a picture of your FSA ID username and password as a reminder!



You're all set

Don't forget to have your parent create an FSA ID too! They will need to input their information and a separate email address.

Visit FAFSA.gov to complete your 2022-2023 FAFSA

#### **Documents Needed:**

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your 2020 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

If your parents don't have a SSN they can use all 0's and they will need to print and sign the FAFSA signature page.

# FAFSA MYTHS AND FACTS

MYTH My parents make too much money, so I won't qualify for any financial aid.

FACT There is no income cutoff to qualify for Federal Student Aid. All eligible students qualify for some type of financial aid—grants, work-study, loans, or scholarships.

MYTH The FAFSA form takes forever to fill out.

FACT Not if you have 30 minutes to spare. That's all it takes to fill out the FAFSA form.

MYTH Students should wait to fill out their FAFSA until they are accepted into college.

FACT Don't wait! Students are highly encouraged to complete their FAFSA application their senior year of high school.

MYTH My parents aren't U.S. citizens, so there's no way I'll get aid.

FACT Your parents' citizenship status is NOT a factor, and the FAFSA form won't even ask you about it. If your parents don't have Social Security numbers, they must enter 000-00-0000 when the FAFSA form asks for their Social Security numbers

RESOURCES

